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Taylor Swift performs during her 1989 World Tour concert at the Canadian Tire Centre in Kanata on Monday. MIKE CARROCCETTO/METRO

City plans to get tough on Uber drivers

RIDE-SHARING

Bill to call for stiffer penalties as crackdown intensifies

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Acting deputy city manager Susan Jones said the city has filed an official request with Ottawa police to help crack down on illegal Uber drivers.

Right now, bylaw officers hand out most of the fines to drivers, but police have the power to lay bigger charges under the Highway Traffic Act.

"It appears at this point that companies out there who are operating illegally may be looking at the (bylaw) fines at this point as a cost of doing business. They just simply pay them off and keep going," said Jones.

She compared the attitude toward impaired driving: Now that drunk drivers risk criminal convictions and losing their licences, the deterrent is much higher.

"We think operating an unlicensed taxi cab without proper insurance should also go against the driver's licence and have similar consequences," she said.

A private member's bill tabled Wednesday calls for changes to further strengthen the Highway Traffic Act, including increasing fines to $30,000 from $500, loss of demerit points and licence suspension.

Jones said the court decision in Toronto wouldn't have an impact on the controversy in Ottawa because it focused on the Uber company rather than the individual unlicensed drivers.

"The City of Ottawa has taken a different approach," she said.

Amrik Singh, president of Unifor Local 1688, the union for Ottawa's taxi drivers, said he was happy with the support from the mayor and the decision to involve police.

> **They just simply pay them off and keep going.**
> Susan Jones

"We wanted police to get involved, that's why we called the meeting," he said.

Singh said he would be reporting back to union members on Tuesday, and votes would take place on how the union wants to move forward.

"At tomorrow's meeting we'll present everything to our members and allow them to make a decision," he said.

He refused to elaborate on what decisions the union would be making, but said union members have "plenty of options."

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REAL ESTATE

Housing sales in June up slightly

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Housing sales in Ottawa are up this June, compared to the same month last year.

The Ottawa Real Estate Board's brokers sold 1,694 residential properties that month, compared to 1,657 last year — an increase of 2.2 per cent.

"The Ottawa market is performing very well month-over-month and year-to-date compared to last year," President of the Ottawa Real Estate Board David Oikle is quoted as saying in a news release.

When split into condos and residential homes, brokers sold 274 and 1,420, respectively.

The average sale price also increased in June from last year.

Residential homes sold for an average of $404,254 this year, which marks a 4.1 per cent increase.

INVESTIGATION

Teen who fell from balcony recovering

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

A 19-year-old woman who fell four storeys from her apartment balcony Sunday morning is still recovering in hospital, although her injuries are no longer life-threatening.

The woman was outside at 2:30 a.m. in the building at 2035 Othello Ave. when the balcony's railing apparently became dislodged and she fell to the concrete below.

Paramedics took the woman to the Ottawa Hospital's Civic Campus for serious head trauma, abdominal injuries and a fractured thigh bone.

The vice president of Osgoode Properties, Geoffrey Younghusband, said the building management company had spent all day working with authorities and investigating what happened.

> **"I can say we're comfortable that it was not an issue of the maintenance of the balcony."**
> Geoffrey Younghusband

"I can say we're comfortable that it was not an issue of the maintenance of the balcony, I'm satisfied that's the conclusion the authorities are going to draw," he said. "It just doesn't make sense that the railing would fall off in the manner of it did, there's no evidence of failure."

Eddy Mushibuka got lucky in Edmonton, winning $12.5 million in a Lotto-Max draw. The Ottawa man had been working in Alberta and bought his ticket at a Safeway Gas Bar in Edmonton in June. COURTESY WESTERN CANADA LOTTERY CORPORATION

Man gets Max out of his job

$12.5 MILLION

Gets lucky with lotto win while working in Alberta

An Ottawa man got lucky in Edmonton, winning $12.5 million in a Lotto-Max draw.

Eddy Mushibuka had been working in Alberta and bought his ticket at a Safeway Gas Bar in west Edmonton in June.

When he recently went to a store to check it, the retailer told him he won $12,500.

But Mushibuka looked at the screen, and saw more zeros.

The retailer then told him he actually won $12.5 million.

When it comes to ideas for his windfall, Mushibuka has a few ideas, including buying a car.

"The first thing I have to do is come back to Earth," he said, laughing. "After that I'll probably buy a new home and maybe a car. Other than that I think I'll just take a couple vacations and that will be great!"

Mushibuka's ticket was one of four — one other sold in Alberta, one in British Columbia, and one in Ontario— that shared the $50 million LOTTO MAX jackpot for June 5, matching the numbers 2, 10, 13, 16, 30, 33, and 48.

> **"The first thing I have to do is come back to Earth."**
> Eddy Mushibuka

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ECONOMY

Ontario debt rating dropped

Standard & Poor's has lowered Ontario's financial rating to A+ from AA-, citing its heavy debt burden and budgetary "underperformance" compared with peers in other jurisdictions.

S&P said Monday that while Ontario continues to beat its fiscal targets and expects to close its operating budget gap by fiscal 2018, it will still have to contend with sizable yearly after-capital deficits given its large net capital spending plans.

The rating agency said the downgrade comes with a stable outlook, reflecting its belief that Ontario will continue to make slow progress in reducing its deficit.

Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa said he agreed with the S&P's forecast that the province is on track to eliminate its deficit by 2018.

Sousa said he believes the S&P assessment views Ontario as having a strong, diversified economy despite recent slow growth.

But Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown said the rating decline is proof that the Liberal government is mismanaging the economy.

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Two mayors, one Uber

Mayor Jim Watson. Lucy Scholey/Metro. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

> **We don't want the Wild West. We want some control and some respect of the law.**
> Mayor Jim Watson

REGULATION

Tory calling for new modernized laws

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson says a taxi bylaw review will be a top priority for the city, following an Ontario court ruling on a legal dispute between Uber and Toronto.

Such a review will ensure ride-hailing services like Uber are "operating legally and on a level playing field" with the cab industry, said Watson.

However, the taxi bylaw review is subject to a council vote on Wednesday, under the city's "strategic initiatives."

Watson's comments echo those of Toronto Mayor John Tory who called for new modernized laws to help regulate Uber's car and limousine services.

Toronto had sought an injunction against the app, but Superior Court Judge Sean Dunphy said there is "no evidence" the company is contravening city bylaws, arguing that the definition of a taxi brokerage is too broad.

"The Ontario Superior Court ruling was clear: our by-laws, which were written many years before technology had advanced to where it is today, simply do not adequately capture the operations of companies like Uber," Tory said at a Toronto City Hall news conference Monday. "And, as a result, what we have today is not a level playing field."

Despite the city's attempt to seek an injunction, Tory has been vocally supportive of Uber. He said Monday he does not favour any one company and wants a regime that promotes "fair, equitable, convenient, safe service."

Watson, however, has been heavier handed in his Uber criticisms. He said the city would continue cracking down on Uber drivers. He plans to lobby support for Ottawa South MPP John Fraser's private member's bill, which orders stricter consequences for unlicensed cab drivers.

"My concern is that we have a multi-national company coming into different jurisdictions completely disregarding the law of the land and thinking they can get away with it," Watson said.

"You couldn't go an open a liquor store on the corner of your street and just decide that you're going to sell liquor because there's rules and regulations."

Uber officials have previously argued that the company is a rideshare app and not a taxi service.

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Mayor John Tory. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **What we need is one by-law that applies without question to everybody.**
> Mayor John Tory

CRACKDOWN

City to involve police in Uber enforcement

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The union representing Ottawa's taxi drivers is applauding the city's move to involve police in a crackdown on Uber drivers.

"We wanted police to get involved, that's why we called the meeting," said Amrik Singh, the president of Unifor local 1688.

Singh and other taxi union leaders met with Mayor Jim Watson, Coun. Diane Deans, and Coun. Eli El-Chantiry on Monday to discuss the isue.

Singh said he would report back to union members on Tuesday, and votes would take place on how the union wants to move forward.

"At tomorrow's meeting we'll present everything to our members and allow them to make a decision," he said.

He refused to elaborate on what decisions the union would be making, but said they have "plenty of options."

In June, Singh released an open letter accusing the city of failing to enforce appropriate bylaws.

Both Uber and Coventry Connections have been two of the most intense lobby groups at Ottawa City Hall since 2014.

> **Our legal professional taxi drivers and their families are in a financial crisis because of the inaction of the City of Ottawa.**
> Amrik Singh in a letter

A smartphone with the Uber app is seen in this Metro file photo. METRO FILE

TIMELINE

March 2012: Uber launches in Toronto, the first city north of the U.S.
October 2015: Uber officially comes to Ottawa amid controversy.
March 2015: Five Uber drivers facing charges in provincial court plead guilty.
April 2015: Six more Uber drivers plead guilty to charges at provincial offences court.
May 2015: Ottawa's Community and Protective Services Committee agrees to look at reforming taxi laws to keep up with changing technology.
June 2015: Unifor Local 1688 releases a strongly-worded news release accusing city of failing to enforce by-laws and costing cabbies money.
July 2015: City says it has filed formal request for Ottawa Police to help enforce laws against unlicensed Uber drivers.

The Ottawa Senators announced on Monday they would contribute $500,000 to the city's celebrations for Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Sens hope to score 2017 event

HOCKEY

Team bids for Winter Classic on Canada's 150th birthday

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

The Ottawa Senators are hoping to score a Winter Classic in time for a hat trick of major hockey milestones in 2017.

Not only does that year mark the 100th anniversary of the NHL, the 25th anniversary of the capital's team and the 125th anniversary of the Stanley Cup, Canada also turns 150 that year.

Senators president Cyril Leeder said the team submitted an application to host the Winter Classic almost a year ago. The hope is to host the event in December of that year — 100 years to the month that Ottawa faced off against the Montreal Canadiens.

"We think it makes a lot of sense to recreate that history around that time," Leeder said.

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson said the Winter Classic would "cap off an amazing year for our city." He's also hoping to host the Grey Cup and the Juno Awards as part of the 150th celebrations.

On Monday, the Senators announced a $500,000 contribution to the year-long festivities, making the team the second major corporate partner to the 2017 party after the Ottawa Gatineau Hotel Association. The team also unveiled its 25th anniversary logo.

Guy Laflamme, who is heading the Ottawa 2017 bureau, also attended the announcement.

"We're going to have our own events and our own activities," Leeder said. "But we're working closely with Guy and the Celebrations Ottawa team and we think it's appropriate for us to have this level of support for the community leading into 2017."

The funding will support year-long festivities as Ottawa rings in Canada's 150th birthday. The agreement means the city can use the Canadian Tire Centre, digital properties, advertising, National Hockey League in-game assets and cross-promotions.

Previously, the Ottawa Gatineau Hotel Association announced a $2.5 million contribution to Ottawa 2017.

ELECTION

Lawyer prepared to lose job over NDP bid

Emilie Taman understands if people think her decision to potentially give up her job as a government lawyer to seek the NDP nomination in Ottawa-Vanier is "a bit crazy."

But the prosecutor with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada said the decision to run for office in a longtime Liberal riding was "a simple calculus."

"I'm not naive, and I don't take anything for granted," she said. "I understand what I'm up against. I think if there was ever a time for the NDP to be successful in Ottawa-Vanier, this is the time."

By seeking the nomination, Taman is defying a decision by the Public Service Commission, the watchdog of Canada's non-partisan public service, forbidding her from seeking office.

The commission's decision was in December. Taman filed an application for judicial review, but her hearing in Federal Court is scheduled for Sept. 1. The election is scheduled for Oct. 19 under the government's fixed election date law.

"It boiled down to: do I want to do this or not? Because I think waiting and running was not really a viable scenario," Taman said.

Taman, the daughter of former Supreme Court justice Louise Arbour, has not officially quit her job; rather, she has taken an unauthorized leave of absence. "I've taken a unilateral leave, and there will likely be consequences to that," she said.

She has left a secure job as a federal Crown lawyer for the uncertainty of an election campaign. Ottawa-Vanier has been Liberal since 1995, and incumbent MP Mauril Belanger is running for re-election.

"If I don't win the election, if I don't win the nomination, I'm going to have to find new employment, and I'm prepared to do that," she said.

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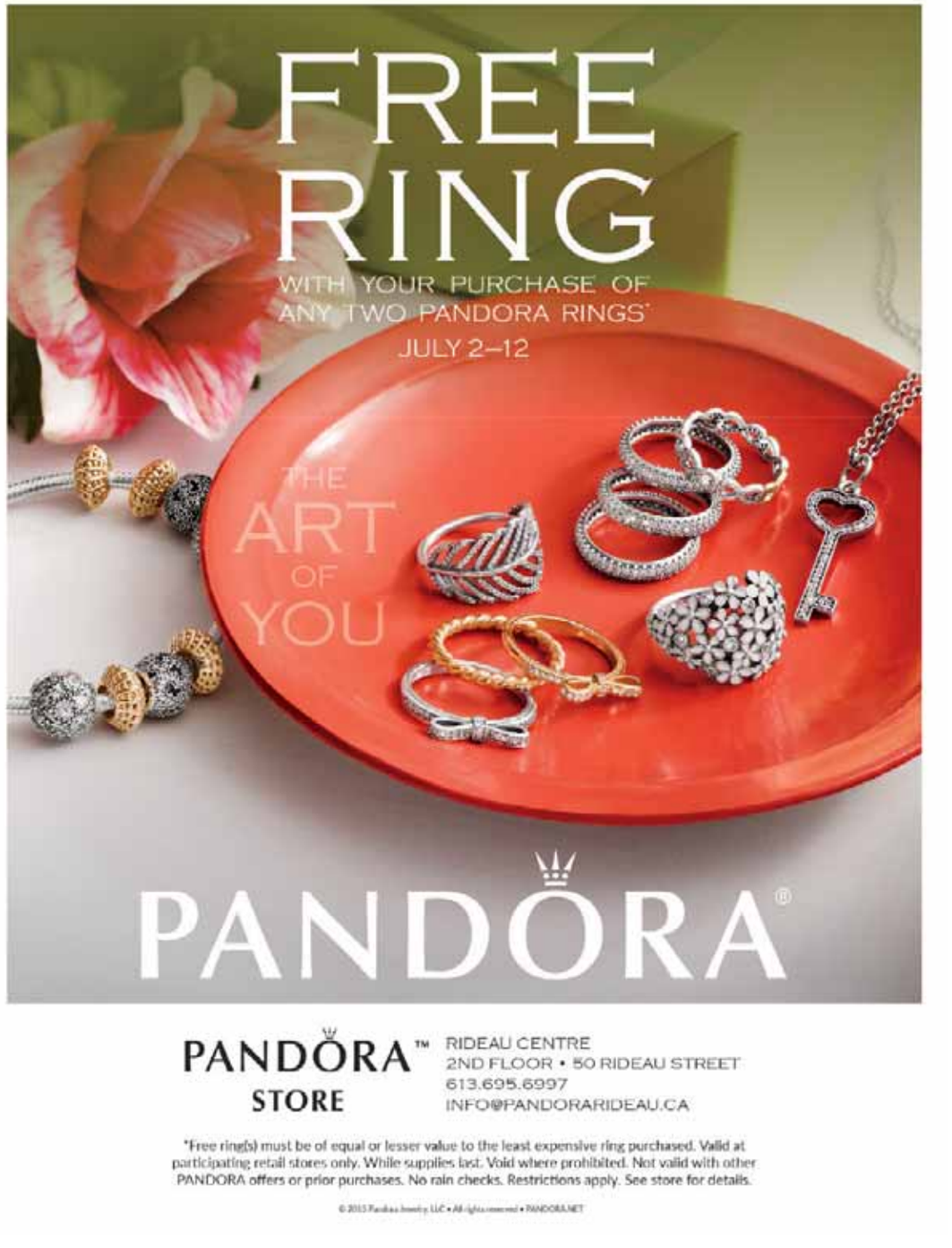

De-amalgamation could be costly: Study

MEGACITIES

Citing two cities' splits, report advises lots of thought

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Rural communities that became part of big cities through amalgamation and now want out should tread carefully, a new study suggests.

The newly released study from the Fraser Institute suggests that although amalgamation may have been hard, de-amalgamation is probably even harder.

"We find no reason that de-amalgamation cannot be pursued, but we argued that it is not often desirable," reads the study, titled De-Amalgamation in Canada: Breaking Up is Hard to Do.

The authors also argue that "the difficulty in successfully implementing de-amalgamation means that amalgamation is something that cannot, and should not, be easily entered into."

There was significant opposition when 11 municipalities combined to form the City of Ottawa in 2001, part of the Mike Harris government's consolidation of city governments. The report notes that there were 850 municipalities in Ontario when the Harris government was elected in 1995. That number was reduced to 444 by 2000.

But nearly 15 years after amalgamation, the issue has moved to the back burner in Ottawa. The report suggests it should probably stay there.

"There are precedents in terms of having de-amalgamation, but you should go into it knowing that you need to go into it carefully," report co-author Lydia Miljan, an associate professor of political science at the University of Windsor and Fraser Institute senior fellow.

"The difficulty in successfully implementing de-amalgamation means that amalgamation is something that cannot, and should not, be easily entered into."

Study titled De-Amalgamation in Canada: Breaking Up is Hard to Do

Lydia Miljan, co-author of the study. CONTRIBUTED

The report examined two cases of de-amalgamation: Montreal and Headingley, Man. In Montreal, they argue, reversing amalgamation "created a needlessly complicated system of local governance."

The case of Headingley should provide some hope for de-amalgamation advocates in the rural parts of Ontario's "megacities," such as Ottawa and Hamilton.

"If Headingley could secede based on its relatively few connections to the urban centre of the city, then so too could communities like Flamborough in Hamilton or Osgoode in Ottawa," the report says.

SUPERIOR COURT

Alleged 'sexsomniac' wins new trial years after being convicted

A man who admitted to raping a sleeping woman years after being convicted of sexually assaulting her won a new trial Monday after arguing he was also asleep at the time of the attack.

However, in granting Ryan Hartman another hearing, Ontario's top court ruled the only issue to be decided will be whether he was suffering from a mental disorder at the time that made him not criminally responsible for the assault.

Hartman was convicted in May 2012 and sentenced to 14 months imprisonment for sexually assaulting the woman at a party in Brockville, Ont. He denied the assault had occurred but Superior Court upheld the conviction in December 2012.

In turning to the Court of Appeal, Hartman dropped his denial. Instead, he sought to introduce expert evidence to show he was suffering from sexsomnia and was unaware of his actions.

"New defences advanced years after the relevant events, only when other defences have been tried and failed and the convicted offender stands at the prison gate, must be viewed with considerable judicial suspicion," the appeal court said in its decision.

"However, there will be cases in which the interests of justice require that an appellant be allowed to present a new defence on appeal."

At trial, the complainant said she was sleeping on an air mattress in the kitchen with her boyfriend when she awoke in pain from someone penetrating her. She got up and turned on the light, and recognized Hartman.

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BACKGROUND

Limiting the new trial to the question of whether Hartman is either guilty or not criminally responsible by reason of a mental disorder would help serve the administration of justice by validating the woman's assertion that she was in fact assaulted, the court said.

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Lawn chair flight ends in arrest for unusual aviator

MISCHIEF

Publicity stunt's target was to land at the Stampede

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Calgary entrepreneur Dan Boria literally launched a publicity stunt Sunday evening that saw him land him all over local — and international — media.

It also landed him in hot water with police.

Boria, 26, was arrested "without incident" Monday, according to Calgary police, who charged him with mischief for a stunt in which Boria allegedly attached dozens of helium balloons to a lawn chair, sat in the contraption, flew high above the city, and eventually abandoned his makeshift aircraft and parachuted to safety.

The launch took place at about 7:30 p.m., according to police, and the unusual sight first caught the attention of witnesses in northwest Calgary who "observed the man manoeuvre the chair south towards the downtown area."

Boria told police he was trying to land at the Stampede grounds but missed his target, and ended up parachuting down into a green space between Highfield Bouleveard and Ogden Road SE.

Insp. Kyle Grant described the stunt as "very irresponsible."

"He's flying over a city of 1.2 million, heading towards the Stampede grounds, hundreds of thousands of people," Grant said. "The last thing we want to see is anybody injured."

"It's my understanding that he didn't have any sort of device to steer the craft and got to a point so high at cloud level that he became a little worried and decided to jump from the chair," Grant said, adding that Boria rolled his ankle when he landed.

Police were also concerned about the potential for the abandoned chair to cause injury or property damage when it eventually came back down.

The entire undertaking was an admitted attempt at advertising for Boria's cleaning company.

Calgary resident John Smiley, who briefly started (then took down) a GoFundMe campaign Monday to help Boria pay any potential fines, described the stunt as "interesting, but pretty stupid," and deserving of some respect in a modern, bubble-wrapped culture that tries to eliminate risk at the expense of fun.

"Man, we live in a safe world these days and people don't do enough unsafe, entertaining things," Smiley said. "This is a great combination of treacherous and entertaining."

Smiley noted he "has no idea who this guy is" and has no connection to Boria other than enjoying the stunt for its entertainment value.

Boria was released from police custody and Grant said he'll "most likely" face a fine, rather than jail time, but the financial penalty could be substantial.

"When all is said and done, I think it would have been cheaper for him to rent a billboard," Grant said. WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Calgary man got more than he bargained for when he flew over the city in a lawn chair attached to helium balloons and then had to parachute to safety. Police have charged the man with mischief and say more charges could be on the way.
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SCANDAL

Graduate asks Dal to clear his name

A graduate of Dalhousie University's dentistry school who says he helped blow the whistle on a misogynistic Facebook page wants the school to clear his record as he tries to get a licence to practise.

Ryan Millet has asked Dalhousie president Richard Florizone to expunge his suspension and a disciplinary finding of misconduct after a report was released last week by a task force appointed by the school to look at its handling of comments posted on Facebook by male dentistry students.

The request is made in a letter to Florizone from Millet's lawyer, Bruce MacIntosh, who made it public along with a reply from a lawyer for the university.

In the reply, a lawyer acting for the university writes that Florizone cannot "rewrite history and pretend" that Millet wasn't involved in a Facebook group at the centre of the scandal or that he wasn't suspended.

The emailed reply, dated Monday, goes on to say that Millet's record reflects that he was found to have engaged in unprofessional conduct and was required to undergo remediation, which he successfully completed.

Millet has asked for the school to clear his name because he has been offered a position in Oregon and is waiting for licensing approval from the state, but he fears its investigation will require that he be subject to oversight mentoring. MacIntosh says that would disqualify Millet from the job he has been offered.

A female student at Dalhousie complained about the Facebook group last December. Dalhousie later suspended the clinic privileges of 13 students who were allegedly members of the group. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SUPREME COURT

Government abruptly drops appeal on CSIS spying abroad

The federal government has abandoned its high-profile appeal to the Supreme Court on overseas spying by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

The court agreed last February to take the case after federal lawyers argued for guidance on whether CSIS needed a warrant to seek allied help in spying on Canadians abroad.

They said the spy service was left in the dark as to when a judge's approval was required to monitor suspected Canadian extremists in other countries.

But in a recent letter to the Supreme Court, federal lawyer Robert Frater noted Parliament had since enacted changes to the judicial warrant scheme governing CSIS.

"Given the significance of the legislative changes, and CSIS's pressing need to seek warrants under the new regime in fulfilling its statutory mandate, our priority will be to focus on the new system now in place," Frater said in the June 19 letter.

"Accordingly, we now feel it is less important at this time to obtain guidance from this Court on the issue raised in this appeal."

Parliament recently passed Bill C-44, which explicitly allows CSIS to seek a warrant to investigate a security threat beyond Canada's borders. It also approved the controversial C-51 which, among other things, permits the spy service to ask a judge for permission to violate the Charter of Rights. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ENTOMOLOGY

Insects might have emotions: Studies

If you knew that pesky fly buzzing around your kitchen had feelings, would you still swat it?

According to a post on BrainBlogger.com, a number of recent studies show insects experience something akin to emotion, and may even possess empathy for their fellow bugs.

In one experiment, a colony of bees was subjected to a simulated badger attack (no, really) and then presented with two chemical scents: one designed to simulate food and attract the bees and another that typically repels them.

"Bees that had been shaken became pessimistic, glass-half-empty characters that were more likely to react to the nasty smell in the mixtures and recoil as opposed to being attracted to the yummy smell ... Unshaken bees on the other hand remained their more optimistic, glass-half-full selves and were more likely to see the mixtures as half-appetizing," wrote Dr. Carla Clark.

In another study, researchers found calm woodlice influenced the behaviour of their neighbours, causing other woodlice to become relaxed.

Neither study offers conclusive proof that insects experience emotion, Clark said, but the results should make you think twice before you roll up that newspaper or go searching for nearby shoe.

"With insect brains surprising even entomology experts in their extraordinary similarities with our own brains ... the similarities may be more profound than we would like to think," Clark said.

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> **We may be one step closer to comparing insects' experiences of feelings with our own.**
> Dr. Carla Clark

B.C. WILDFIRES TURN DEADLY Smoke from wildfires in the interior of British Columbia blanket downtown Vancouver on Sunday. Air quality advisories have been issued across southern Vancouver Island, the mainland coast, Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley. People with heart or lung problems or medical conditions such as diabetes, as well as the elderly and the very young, are urged to remain indoors and limit strenuous activity. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds soften up on bribery, laundering

ANTI-CORRUPTION

Ottawa makes changes to procurement rules, penalties

Ottawa has softened its anti-corruption rules, reducing the penalties for companies that are seeking government work after being convicted of bribery, money laundering and other offences.

Under the new procurement rules announced Friday, companies can still be barred from government contracts for 10 years if they have been convicted of such offences in the past three years.

But that ban can be cut in half if the company co-operates with authorities and takes remedial action.

Also, suppliers will no longer be automatically ineligible for government work because of the conduct of affiliates unless it can be demonstrated that the supplier had control over the convicted affiliate.

Canada's business lobby has been urging Ottawa to make changes to procurement rules it labelled as "draconian."

Public Works Canada says the new rules are fair, ensure due process and better align with international best practices.

SNC-Lavalin chief executive Robert Card has warned of the negative consequences for his company if the federal protocols used in awarding contracts weren't changed in light of the company's legal troubles. The company has been beefing up its compliance rules since improprieties surfaced three years ago.

The RCMP charged SNC-Lavalin and two of its subsidiaries with one count of fraud and one of corruption last February over its dealings in Libya.

The Montreal-based company has said it will plead not guilty to the charges but is willing to pay a fine for the alleged transgressions of former employees. The case will be back in court in October. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CITIZENSHIP

New law has focus groups worried

Dual citizens say they're concerned the government's new powers to take away Canadian citizenship are stigmatizing certain communities.

Members of the Indian and Filipino communities in particular told the federal government during focus groups late last year they're worried about the long-term implications of the new law.

It allows the government to take away Canadian citizenship from any dual citizen found guilty of terrorism, treason and high treason, and spying for a foreign government.

The government argues the provisions are in line with what other countries are doing and those who commit such acts are disloyal.

But focus-group participants said the law has left them wondering whether they should drop their dual citizenship in case the rules eventually expand to encompass other crimes, putting their status as Canadians at risk.

This week at the United Nations, some human rights groups are raising the citizenship revocation powers as part of a discussion of Canada's compliance with international civil rights covenants.

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IN BRIEF

Manitoba woman accused of hiding remains of six infants faces fraud trial

A woman accused of hiding the remains of six infants in a Winnipeg storage locker is going to trial on fraud charges.

Andrea Giesbrecht is accused of defrauding Manitoba's Employment and Income Assistance, a payday loan company and an unnamed individual.

She also faces six charges of concealing a body in relation to the remains found last year.

Matt Gould, her lawyer, says they tried to negotiate a settlement with the Crown that wouldn't have involved jail time. He says it could take a year before the fraud charges make it to trial.

"We feel, as her defence, that it's inappropriate to add jail time to this type of charge. She was willing to acknowledge that paying (the money) back was appropriate," Gould said.

Court records show Giesbrecht, 41, was a gambling addict with a low-paying job at a fast food restaurant before she was arrested last October. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WINNIPEG

Accused bomber entangled in bitter divorce

Court documents show a man accused of sending letter bombs to Winnipeg lawyers and his ex-wife has been in a decade-long battle with his former spouse that includes accusations of theft, impersonation and a wedding ring being flushed down a toilet.

Police allege Guido Amsel, 49, became so enraged over perceived mistreatment at the hands of his former wife and lawyers who had been involved in the dispute, he sent explosive devices to their offices though Canada Post.

A lawyer was seriously injured when one of the bombs blew up at a firm on Friday. Police detonated two more devices over the weekend and warned justice officials that more could be found in the next day or so.

The situation has unnerved many city residents and prompted dozens of reports of suspicious packages. City hall and a nearby Canada Post office were briefly evacuated Monday.

Court documents show Guido Amsel and his wife, Iris Amsel, separated in 2004. They have a son, who was nine at the time.

Documents from the divorce proceedings show no unusual acrimony at first. Amsel and his wife owned a numbered company involved in automotive repair. The couple initially split shares in the company — Amsel later bought out his ex-wife — and Amsel was ordered to pay $500 a month in child support.

The divorce became bitter in 2010. Guido Amsel accused his ex-wife of siphoning more than $3 million from the company into hidden bank accounts prior to the divorce being finalized.

"It is my belief at the present time that during our cohabitation, the respondent secreted money to these accounts," reads an affidavit from Guido Amsel dated July 9, 2010.

"I am fearful that the respondent will transfer funds from these and any other accounts she may have to Germany and thereafter relocate there with the intention of keeping our son there as well."

Iris Amsel has denied all the accusations. Iris Amsel's lawyer was Maria Mitousis, who suffered severe injuries when the first letter bomb went off last Friday.

Guido Amsel was being held in custody pending a court date Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Greece's future unclear after referendum 'No' win

DEBT CRISIS

Finance minister resigns to ease negotiations

Despite triumphing in a popular vote against austerity, Greece on Monday faced the urgent need to heal its ties with European creditors and reach a financial rescue deal that might prevent it from falling out of the euro — possibly within days.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras won big in Sunday's referendum, in which 60 per cent of Greeks rejected the economic measures creditors had proposed in exchange for loans the country needs to remain afloat. He also received the rare backing of opposition parties to restart bailout negotiations.

But his bolstered mandate to push for better concessions from creditors hit the hard reality of the country's deteriorating finances, with the banks facing the risk of collapse within days unless a rescue deal is reached.

In a sign that he hopes to reach a deal as soon as possible, Tsipras appointed a new mild-mannered finance minister to lead talks with bailout creditors and replace Yanis Varoufakis, the hard-talking professor who clashed regularly with his European counterparts.

Euclid Tsakalotos, a 55-year-old economist, appears more willing to reach a compromise with creditors and will be tested as soon as Tuesday, when he will meet the other 18 eurozone finance ministers in Brussels.

"After yesterday's celebrations in the streets there's a danger of a rude awakening soon.
Germany's Vice Chancellor, Sigmar Gabriel

That meeting is meant to seek the basis for a deal that European leaders, including Tsipras, might discuss at an emergency summit later in the day. Ahead of the summit, Tsipras spoke by phone with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Greece's financial situation is getting more difficult by the day. It had to close the banks last week to prevent their collapse in the face of a run, and imposed limits on cash withdrawals and transfers.

Greek banks remained closed Monday, with only a few branches opening for pensioners to receive emergency assistance. Louka Katseli, head of the Greek Bank Association, said she expected banks to remain closed for at least two more days.

The government is expected to extend the restrictions on withdrawals after the European Central Bank makes a decision later Monday on cash support for Greek banks.

The ECB has frozen the amount of credit it allows Greek banks to draw on, even though their cash requirements are growing as people rush to withdraw what money they can.

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Outgoing Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis is surrounded by media Monday, as he tries to leave on his motorcycle, following his resignation in Athens.
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SEX ASSAULT SUIT

Cosby admitted drugging women

Bill Cosby admitted in 2005 that he got quaaludes with the intent of giving them to young women he wanted to have sex with, and that he gave the sedative to at least one woman and "other people," according to documents obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

That woman and a second woman testified in the same case that they knowingly took quaaludes from him, according to the unsealed documents.

The Associated Press had gone to court to compel the release of the documents from the deposition in a sexual abuse lawsuit filed by former Temple University employee Andrea Constand — the first of a cascade of sexual abuse lawsuits against him. Cosby's lawyers had objected on the grounds that it would embarrass their client.

Cosby settled that lawsuit under confidential terms in 2006. His lawyers in the Philadelphia case did not immediately return phone calls Monday.

Cosby, 77, has been accused by more than two dozen women of sexual misconduct, including allegations by many that he drugged and raped them in incidents dating back more than four decades. Cosby has never been criminally charged, and most of the accusations are barred by statutes of limitations.

Cosby, giving sworn testimony in the lawsuit accusing him of sexual assaulting Constand at his home in Pennsylvania in 2005, said he got seven quaalude prescriptions in the 1970s. The lawyer for Constand asked if he had kept the sedatives through the 1990s — after they were banned — but was frustrated by objections from Cosby's lawyer.

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IN BRIEF

Boy dies after punishment for eating cake: Police

Police say a nine-year-old boy has died after he was allegedly handcuffed and beaten for eating a piece of birthday cake without permission.

The mother's boyfriend, 30-year-old Robert Wilson, was charged Wednesday with first-degree assault and child abuse.

It's not clear whose cake it was. The boy had had a birthday three days earlier.

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Sex on public beach nets prison sentence for man

A man convicted of having sex on a Florida beach in front of families was sentenced to 2-1/2 years in prison on Monday.

Jose Caballero, 40, and Elissa Alvarez, 21, were convicted in May of two counts of lewd and lascivious behaviour. They were videotaped having sex on a Manatee County beach last summer in broad daylight. Witnesses testified that a 3-year-old girl saw them.

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IRAQ

Homes bombed, malfunction blamed

An Iraqi fighter jet accidentally dropped a bomb over a Baghdad neighbourhood on Monday, killing at least 12 people on the ground, Iraqi officials said.

The plane — one of several Russian-made Sukhois used by Iraq in the fight against the Islamic State group — was returning to base when the accident happened.

Military spokesman Brig. Gen. Saad Maan Ibrahim told The Associated Press that a technical failure caused the Sukhoi jet to drop the bomb, which hit a number of houses in the Iraqi capital's eastern neighbourhood of New Baghdad.

Three children and two women were among the 12 killed, a police officer at the scene and a medical official at a nearby hospital said. At least 25 people were wounded, the two officials added.

AP footage showed rescue teams in orange jumpsuits and blue helmets searching through the rubble for victims. At least one victim was seen wrapped with a blanket and being rushed to an ambulance.

Iraq is going through its worst crisis since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. troops. The Islamic State group controls large swaths of the country's north and west following a blitz last year when the militants captured Iraq's second-largest city of Mosul and the majority of the western Anbar province.

Also Monday, separate attacks in and around Baghdad killed at least seven people.

The deadliest took place in Baghdad's southern suburb of Arab Jabour when a booby-trapped house exploded, killing three members of security forces and wounding nine, a police officer said.

In another attack, two soldiers were killed and five hurt when mortar rounds hit their base in Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad, the officer said. And two civilians were killed and six wounded in a bomb explosion at an outdoor market in the western Ghazaliyah neighbourhood.

Medical officials confirmed casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information.

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The faithful, left, and nuns, right, wait for the arrival of Pope Francis in Quito on July 6. Pope Francis landed in Ecuador on Sunday to kick off his first South American trip in two years that will also take him to Bolivia and Paraguay. GETTY IMAGES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Horde gathers for the Pope's Mass in Ecuador

GUAYAQUIL

Francis praises families as the bedrock of human society

Hundreds of thousands of people filled a park in Ecuador's main port city Monday for Pope Francis' first big event of his three-nation South American tour, hoping for a glimpse of Latin America's first pope returning to his home soil for a Mass dedicated to the family.

Many pilgrims spent the night outdoors, and some walked for miles to reach the park on Guayaquil's northern outskirts where the crowd sang hymns and sought pockets of shade to keep cool amid the scorching sun and high humidity. Firefighters sprayed them with water hoses to provide relief.

"I'm tired. I'm hungry, I haven't slept but I'm also full of emotion and joy in my heart," said Vicente Huilcatoma, a 47-year-old retired police officer who walked 40 kilometres to reach Samanes Park.

The Vatican had originally estimated more than 1 million people would turn out for the Mass, and government organizers put the crowd at above 1 million people in the hour before the service began. But Gabriel Almeida, the government spokesman at the scene, rolled back the estimate to several hundred thousand after officials viewed aerial images of the area.

In his homily, Francis praised families as the bedrock of society — "the nearest hospital, the first school for the young, the best home for the elderly" — and said miracles are performed every day inside a family out of love. But he said sometimes the love and happiness runs out.

"How many women, sad and lonely, wonder when love left, when it slipped away from their lives?" he asked. "How many elderly people feel left out of family celebrations, cast aside and longing each day for a little love?"

> **"I haven't slept but I'm also full of emotion and joy in my heart.**
> Vicente Huilcatoma

A preliminary meeting of bishops on family issues ended last year in bitter divisions between liberals and conservatives, particularly over ministering to gays and to Catholics who divorce and remarry outside of the church. Church teaching holds that Catholics who enter into a second marriage without having the first one annulled cannot receive Communion.

In his homily Monday, Francis said he hoped the second meeting of bishops on family life, scheduled for October, would come up with "concrete solutions to the many difficult and significant challenges facing families in our time."

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JOSEPH KONY

African warlord is ill, say ex-rebels

The fugitive leader of the Lord's Resistance Army is sickly and in retreat from an international manhunt that includes U.S. forces, a Ugandan military spokesman said Monday, citing the accounts of recent defectors who are backing up reports that the rebel group is in decline.

Joseph Kony is possibly suffering from diabetes, according to defectors who surrendered to Ugandan troops last month in Central African Republic, said Lt. Col. Paddy Ankunda. That account is probably true, he said, because Ugandan intelligence over the years "also indicates that Kony has diabetes."

Kasper Agger, a researcher with the watchdog group Enough Project, said he receives many reports of Kony's failing health but it is impossible to verify them. The reports from defectors suggest that the apparently ill Kony "doesn't have the same willingness to fight," he said.

Although many of the defectors said Kony is suffering from diabetes, some also suggested the elusive warlord has AIDS, he said.

Kony is believed to be hiding in Kafia Kingi, a Sudanese-controlled enclave on the border of Central African Republic and South Sudan. Watchdog groups have described Kafia Kingi as a safe haven for Kony because African troops hunting for him do not have access to the territory.

The Lord's Resistance Army, which originated in Uganda in the 1980s as a tribal uprising against the government, became notorious for kidnapping children as fighters and forcing girls to be sex slaves. Kony became infamous across the world in 2012 when the advocacy group Invisible Children released an online video. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOZAMBIQUE

Government destroys stores of ivory, horn

Mozambique destroyed a large stockpile of confiscated ivory and rhino horn on Monday in an effort to curb severe poaching, the government said.

The event shows "the commitment of the government that there's zero tolerance for poaching of our natural resources," Samiro Magane, a conservation official in Mozambique, said in a telephone interview.

A total of 2.4 tonnes of ivory and dozens of rhino-horn pieces weighing a total of nearly 200 kilograms were destroyed, said the Wildlife Conservation Society, a New York-based group that co-manages Niassa National Reserve in northern Mozambique.

Conservationists say the number of elephants in Mozambique has dropped nearly 50 per cent to about 10,300 in the last five years because of poaching. Mozambique's rhino population has been virtually wiped out. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANIMAL WELFARE

Zimbabwe exports elephants to zoos in China, despite animal-rights protests

Twenty elephants exported to China would be "better off" in Chinese zoos rather than struggling wildlife parks in Zimbabwe, the southern African nation's minister in charge of wildlife said on Monday, dismissing protests from animal rights groups.

"Those elephants have gone to world class zoos. They will get much better care but, of course, the lobbyists are always keen to ignore facts," Minister of Environment Saviour Kasukuwere told The Associated Press.

Zimbabwe's national parks are overpopulated and the Zimbabwe National Parks and Wildlife Management Authority is struggling to raise money for conservation efforts, Kasukuwere said.

"There are ways of dealing with overpopulation such as culling, sell them to countries with proper habitats or do trophies. We have chosen a non-lethal way by exporting them," said Kasukuwere.

The Zimbabwean government has ignored protests and pleas from dozens of animal rights groups to stop the sale of the elephants, the International Fund for Animal Welfare's southern Africa office said in a statement.

"Unnecessarily seizing wild elephants for a lifetime in captivity is a violation of conservation principles and shows a blatant disregard for animal welfare," the statement said.

Conservation groups protested the exports, saying they were concerned by how the animals were rounded up, with calves separated from their mothers. The protesting groups were also concerned about the conditions of the zoos the animals are destined for.

The elephants were sent over the weekend to a park in Guangzhou, a city in the south eastern province of Guangdong, about 130 kilometres from Hong Kong, the International Fund for Animal Welfare said.

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Starbucks says it's hiking prices again beginning today with the increases ranging from 10 to 20 cents for affected brewed coffees and lattes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

COFFEE

Starbucks hikes drink prices

Starbucks Canada will raise prices on some of its beverage sizes by 10 to 20 cents starting today.

The coffee chain says the adjustments will only apply to 10 per cent of its drinks — and won't impact some of its most popular items.

Company spokeswoman Carly Suppa says the price hikes will vary by province.

She says a brewed coffee in a Venti cup — the largest size at Canadian stores — will increase by 10 cents in some provinces.

Lattes in a Grande or Venti cup will go up by 20 cents, depending on the province.

Suppa says prices for these particular drinks haven't increased in a year-and-a-half to three years.

In the United States, Starbucks also announced separate price changes to some of its drinks.

The company says small and large coffees will each go up by 10 cents U.S. in most areas of the country.

The decision comes even as some other U.S. coffee sellers cut their prices because of declines in future prices for unroasted coffee beans.

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Crisis won't slow Greek imports

CANADIAN ECONOMY

Suppliers have stockpiles of the country's goods stored

Major Canadian importers of olive oil, sea salt, preserved vegetables and other delicacies from Greece say they've been stockpiling goods in their warehouses in anticipation that the economic turmoil overseas will get worse.

The Canadian companies say the economic crisis in Greece won't keep products off store shelves here for a while, but recent events make their preparations seem wise.

A referendum held on Sunday saw Greek citizens reject the idea of adopting more austerity measures in exchange for financial aid from the European Union. The debt-ridden country has closed its banks for six working days and imposed strict limits on cash withdrawals.

Greece's precarious financial situation may force it to abandon the euro and begin issuing its own currency.

Canadian businesses are keeping a close eye on the economic situation, but don't immediately seem to feel their bottom lines will require much extra scrutiny.

"Business as usual for us," said Miltiadis Antypas, President of Pilaros International Trading Inc. "The companies we're dealing with, most of them are multinational. They don't pay us, we pay them, so the situation is not changing for us."

The food products that companies such as Pilaros import to Canadian shores represent a significant piece of the Greek-Canadian trading relationship. According to 2014 figures posted on the country's Greek embassy website, Canada imported nearly $57 million in food products from Greece, more than double the second-largest import of base metal products.

In order to meet the demand, Antypas said his company's warehouses are currently filled with at least a five-month supply of goods such as olives and olive oil, sea salt and other products with a long shelf life.

Alex Alexakis, vice-president of Canadian operations at Krinos Foods, said his firm too has been stockpiling supplies.

"We're OK for a couple of months at least," Alexakis said.

Besieged by a prolonged recession, high unemployment and banks dangerously low on capital, Greece defaulted on repaying a loan to the International Monetary Fund last week, becoming the first developed state to do so.

Now some analysts wonder if Greece is so starved of cash that it could be forced to start issuing its own currency and become the first country to leave the 19-member eurozone since it was established in 1999.

Greece and its creditors, who will meet again today to discuss how to keep the country in the euro, remain far apart on key issues, particularly the notion of debt relief.

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BANK OF CANADA

Businesses divided on bank's outlook report

There is a divide in business confidence across the country as low oil prices weigh on the outlook for some regions more than others, according to the latest reading from the Bank of Canada.

The summer edition of the central bank's business outlook survey suggests businesses on the prairies expect sales to slow over the next 12 months as the oil price shock spreads across other sectors. However, the Bank of Canada says the story isn't the same across the country.

"On the other hand, domestic demand is strengthening in regions that are less exposed to the energy sector," the report said.

Overall, the survey said more firms reported sales growth accelerated over the last 12 months than those that saw growth slow, but the margin shrank compared with earlier surveys.

The central bank is expected to cut its expectations for growth in the second quarter following a pullback by the economy in April, but its plan for interest rates is less clear.

"With rate cut speculation heating up ahead of next week's policy announcement, the modest improvement and the upbeat tone for Central Canada and manufacturing slightly lower the odds of a move," said BMO senior economist Benjamin Reitzes.

A lower dollar is also affecting investment decisions as some businesses suggest they plan to restrain spending as a result of higher costs for imported equipment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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AMAZON

'Prime Day' discounts mark 20th anniversary

Amazon is trying to lure more subscribers to its $99 Prime loyalty program by pushing a day of discounts it calls "Prime Day" during the sleepier summer shopping season.

The e-commerce retailer plans to offer thousands of deals on July 15 in the nine countries that have the Prime loyalty program, including the U.S., U.K., Spain, Japan, Italy, Germany, France, Canada and Austria.

The Seattle company says the promotion is pegged to its 20th anniversary, which is July 16. Amazon says there will be more deals on July 15 than on Black Friday, the busy shopping day after Thanksgiving.

Amazon doesn't release the number of Prime members it has, but Michael Pachter, an analyst at Wedbush Securities, estimates there are 35 million to 40 million.

"Black Friday is an event because it kicks off the holiday shopping season," he said. "I don't think an event in mid-July will have much impact, and view it as more of a test by Amazon during a slow period to see how a special Prime shopping day is received by its customers." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Beef prices rise as dry farming conditions persist

The cost of beef continues to climb to new highs as dry conditions affect Canada's cattle heartland. According to data released by Statistics Canada, the price of 100 pounds of Alberta beef at slaughter rose to $192.80 in May — a 36 per cent jump from May 2014. The high cattle prices have translated to soaring beef prices in stores, with ground beef costing $12.64 per kilogram — an 18 per cent rise compared to a year ago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BURT'S BEES

Co-founder dead at 80

The reclusive beekeeper who co-founded Burt's Bees, and whose face and wild beard appeared on labels for the natural cosmetics, died on Sunday. Burt Shavitz was 80.

A spokeswoman for Burt's Bees said in an emailed statement Shavtiz died of respiratory complications in Bangor, Maine, surrounded by family.

Shavitz was making a living by selling honey when his life was altered by a chance encounter with a hitchhiking Roxanne Quimby. In the 1980s she began making products from his beeswax and they became partners. Their business relationship ended after Quimby moved the company to North Carolina in 1994.

"Burt was an enigma; my mentor and my muse. I am deeply saddened," Quimby said.

In 2007, Clorox purchased Burt's Bees for $925 million.

"Burt was a complex man who sought a simple life in pace with the seasons of nature on his land," the company said in a statement. "If there is one thing we will remember from Burt's life, in our fast-paced, high-tech culture, it's to never lose sight of our relationship with nature." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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the big question

How often are bomb threats credible?

Pretty rarely. For example, of 1,055 U.S. school bomb incidents from 1990-2002, only 14 (1.3 per cent) saw threats beforehand. Risk management experts Frederick Calhoun and Stephen Weston identify two types of threat-makers, who rarely overlap. "Howlers," like those who called in a string of threats to airlines this week, inflict mostly inconvenience. A full-throated police response gives these miscreants exactly what they want: Attention. Dangerous, methodical "hunters," on the other hand, generally don't advertise their plans. That would include the Winnipeg mail bomber who badly injured one woman Friday and put residents on edge, leading to more (ultimately false) suspicious-package reports. Just one notorious group was known for courtesy calls before attacks — the IRA. But they would often call in a threat, set off an explosion, then detonate secondary bombs targeting first responders. METRO

The tricky task of getting speeders to slow down

YOUR RIDE
Kathryn Hunt

The Province of Ontario is in the middle of a year-long consultation with cities and the public over whether residential speed limits should come down to a default of 40 km/h, with individual municipalities having the ability to adjust further for specific neighbourhoods.

Since January, when the consultation was announced, there has been a growing conversation about speed on city streets, and arguments piling up on either side of the debate.

On one side, there are the facts about the effect speed has on the outcome of a collision. By one estimate, if a car hits a pedestrian at 30 km/h, the pedestrian fatality rate is about five per cent. But at 50 km/h (the default speed limit in Ottawa) it skyrockets to 85 per cent. Add to that the common assumption that most drivers travel above the speed limit, and the streets start to look like kill zones.

Mayor Watson says he would be in favour of lowering the limit. And the idea has gained traction elsewhere: Many other cities have lowered limits, including New York City, which dropped its default speed to 25 miles per hour (40 km/h) last fall and has introduced a 20 mph (32 km/h) limit for some neighbourhoods.

On the other side, opponents of the idea argue that you can post lower speed limits all you want: Drivers will still speed. It's already a given that traffic moves 10-20 km/h faster than the limit. A lower limit on a sign won't force them to change their habits.

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And if a street is wide and straight, they say, it's only natural that driving speeds will creep up. On a broad, straight, open road like Leitrim Road (where a cyclist was killed recently) the 50 km/h speed limit is regularly exceeded. Bronson Avenue, where it passes Carleton University, is posted at 60 km/h, but it's not unusual to see people doing 80 km/h.

But the answer isn't to create obstacles, detractors add, because traffic calming measures do the exact opposite of calming: speed bumps, extended curbs and frequent stops only frustrate drivers and force them to speed up and then brake suddenly, making them more erratic and dangerous.

But that argument boils down to "Drivers won't change, so we shouldn't ask them to." This seems a little nonsensical. Some pedestrians jaywalk, but we still build crosswalks and footbridges, after all.

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It's about time for Calgary to hold a #SafeStampede

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The Calgary Stampede may have been established on rodeo, rides and beef-on-a-bun, but corporate-sanctioned caesars before noon can lead to a debauched 10-day bender for wannabe cowboys (regardless of gender) looking to blow off steam.

Most are respectful and jovial. But some men, instead of embodying Western hospitality, transform into dude-bros who feel entitled to disrespect or harass women. Catcalls. Ass-grabbing. Name-calling if you look less than pleased by these charming advances.

For those who question whether this is really a problem, I conducted a (very unscientific) survey of 10 female friends in their 20s and 30s, all of whom attend Stampede annually, before writing this column. Half of these women — HALF! — have been grabbed at over the years while walking through crowded party tents. The most recent incident occurred Friday at Cowboys, the club with the slogan "The most fun you can have with your boots on." A guy grabbed under a friend's skirt. I'm told he got a lecture.

I've had my butt grabbed at the Stampede twice. One time, it happened so quickly I couldn't pick the offender from the jeering herd; the other time, I was told I "overreacted" for telling the guy off.

So I tip my hat to the Calgary Stampede for jumping on the anti-sexual-harassment wagon. It's about time.

The city's top brass, including the Stampede CEO and Mayor Naheed Nenshi, quickly endorsed the #SafeStampede campaign, which was created by a group of women to encourage respect and share information about consent and sexual harassment.

Thanks for the leadership, folks. It sends a message to people attending one of Canada's largest events that harassment isn't condoned and that donning a plaid shirt and cowboy boots isn't a licence to make women feel unsafe.

Don't get me wrong, I love the Stampede (including line dancing at Cowboys after a few spiked lemonades) more than most. I return every year for the festivities even though I haven't hung my hat in Calgary for more than a decade.

But until this campaign snapped me to attention, I viewed the harassment as an irritating but inevitable part of the Stampede.

I hope this campaign will add to the culture shift away from victim-blaming and objectification. Whether it's #YesAllWomen, which highlights stories about everyday harassment, or Ontario's ongoing #WhoWillYouHelp initiative, our society seems to be more aware of sexist violence and harassment.

We don't have to be resigned to bad behaviour. It may be the Wild West, but adopting that mentality shouldn't mean accepting harassment.

Rosemary Westwood will return Wednesday.

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Amy hot enough for big screen

TRAINWRECK

Inside Amy Schumer star on her first film and fame

Richard Crouse
Metro | Life

Amy Schumer is having a fantastic year. The standup comic, television star and headline magnet is about to add movie star to her resumé.

Inside Amy Schumer, her Peabody Award-winning TV show, makes news every single week, whether it's tackling topics like high school rape culture in a Friday Night Lights takeoff or assembling a jury, à la 12 Angry Men, to debate whether Schumer is quote, hot enough, unquote, to be on television.

She's everywhere and soon she'll be on the big screen in Trainwreck, directed by comedy maestro Judd Apatow from a script by Schumer. In the most unconventional rom-com since Bridesmaids she stars as a young, promiscuous New York woman who drinks too much and finds true love despite doing everything to avoid it.

"Because you do this work you feel proud of, I feel you're punished by having to dress up like a show poodle
Amy Schumer on fame

"To be me right now is very weird," she says. "It's weird, I feel like I am famous all of a sudden. I've been kind of recognizable but now it is very different and it is very new. It's overwhelming. It is a little scary. I'm on the subway and it's not like one or two people — it's like the whole car wants a picture. It's overwhelming.

"I never thought about being famous. That was never part of my thing, but once it was on the horizon as a possibility, it seemed like a real bummer. I could see there's no upside. The upside is I sometimes get free appetizers and I can get a reservation at a restaurant. I only go to one place in New York, it's a tea place, the Tea Cup, and they don't take reservations but I can make a reservation there. I swear I don't see another upside. It sucks."

As that last quote displays, Schumer's work is characterized by a lack of pretence.

"I like to get rid of artifice," she says. "I haven't gone to the bathroom in three days and I'm hungover and that's OK."

But these days she's more often than not very publicly on display.

Top, Amy Schumer with director Judd Apatow, left, and co-star Bill Hader on the set of Trainwreck, which she wrote. Bottom, Schumer in two scenes from Season 3 of Inside Amy Schumer, the finale of which airs tonight on Comedy Central. CONTRIBUTED

"It's very hard for me to be in hair and makeup all the time and clothes I don't feel comfortable in. Because you do this work you feel proud of, I feel you're punished by having to dress up like a show poodle."

Trainwreck is set in New York but not because it is the traditional home of the classic rom-coms, but because "I just don't know any other city," she says. "I am a creature of habit. I just like going to the Comedy Cellar and walking around the reservoir in Central Park."

She may be a creature of habit in her personal life, but has shaken up the formula for her first movie, although she balks at the suggestion that she switched the gender roles in the film.

"If a guy doesn't call me back, it is a blow to the ego, but I'm not like, 'But... why? I have a great job'
Amy Schumer on gender roles in Trainwreck

"It was a complete surprise to me," she says. "There wasn't a thought of, 'I'm playing the male role.' It makes sense to me. I know in most movies it's not this way, but in my real life and in the lives of the women I'm close to and in this age, I've found that, as somebody who is still out there dating, that the men often times are the more vulnerable of the two and just more sensitive. Mostly about it being over. If you go out with someone once and you're just not feeling it, if a guy doesn't call me back it is a blow to the ego, but I'm not like, 'But ... why? I have a great job.'

"It's funny, I was watching The Bachelorette, I'm a fan. One of the guys was feeling rejected and he kind of turned on her. She didn't do anything to him but he was like, 'My ex-girlfriend was twice as hot as her.' I think the male ego is way more sensitive than the female ego. It was not a conscious decision to reverse the roles. That has really been my experience."

She says watching the final cut of the film and seeing the audience reaction at SXSW earlier this year "was the best night of my life so far."

"I'm already proud of the movie. The movie is already a success to me. My peers really like it and I got to give my friends work and they did great in it. Beyond that, I hope it changes the perspective of people who see it. I hope people are a little less likely to judge and women feel more empowered."

Listen to the podcast of Richard Crouse's interview with Amy Schumer at metronews.ca

THE INDUSTRY

Why there's no new music today

SOUND CHECK
Alan Cross

There is no new music on sale at your local record store today. There's nothing new on iTunes, either. In fact, there's no new music available pretty much anywhere in the world right now. But don't panic.

Releasing new music has always been chaotic. Once upon a time, albums came out ... whenever. Depending on the supply links to your record store and your geographic location, you might find a album on the shelves any day of the week. But this made compiling weekly sales charts difficult, so decades ago the industry decided to coordinate things.

If you're of — ahem — a certain age, you may remember lining up at a record store late on a Monday evening for the opportunity to buy a big album when the store reopened its doors at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday. This is because Tuesday was the designated day for new music releases in North America.

But in Britain and France, that album had already been out for 24 hours as their appointed day for new music was Monday. Japan made people wait until Wednesday. And music fans in Germany, Australia and a host of other countries either had to wait until Friday or they had already seen the record the previous week.

Worldwide, music will henceforth be released at 12:01 a.m. local time on Fridays, which the industry hopes will boost sales. ISTOCK

This wasn't a big deal when physical releases ruled. But now that music files can whip around the planet in fractions of a second, a Monday release in the U.K. can have an impact on sales in other territories. This old regimented release schedule didn't make sense anymore.

That's why earlier this year, the 45 biggest music markets in the world — including Canada — agreed that as of Friday, July 10, new music will become available at 12:01 a.m. local time.

As this is the week when we make the transition, this is the first Tuesday in years with no new inventory for us to buy. While changing this new schedule isn't trivial (so many of the moving parts of the music industry and radio are geared to new music on Tuesdays), it's hoped that this will have a positive effect on sales.

The thinking is that releasing new material on Friday will encourage more customer traffic on the days when consumers spend the most, thereby boosting music sales. Some retailers disagree; they're afraid this will depress sales throughout the week.

The question is, in an era when everyone gets their music in so many different ways, will the public even notice?

Ballerina on Broadway

DIFFERENT STAGE

Misty Copeland to make debut in On the Town this summer

Misty Copeland performs in Swan Lake in Australia in 2014. DARREN THOMAS/ABT VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ballerina Misty Copeland, who just became the first African-American woman to be a principal dancer at American Ballet Theatre, has another breakthrough planned — a debut on Broadway.

Producers of the high-energy revival of On the Town said Sunday that Copeland will join the show from Aug. 25 to Sept. 6, playing Miss Turnstiles, a love interest for one of three sailors enjoying a few hours of shore leave in 1940s New York.

"I don't know if I know what I'm in for. It's going to be a huge challenge for me. It's quite a departure from what I'm used to. But I love a challenge and I think it's going to help me grow as an artist," Copeland said.

The role requires both acting and singing, in addition to plenty of dancing, including a 15-minute ballet at the end. The role is currently filled by Megan Fairchild, a principal dancer at the prestigious New York City Ballet.

"I can carry a tune. We'll see what happens," she said. "I'm excited. I'm a Virgo and we're a little bit anal and we're definitely hard workers, so I'm going to put my all into this."

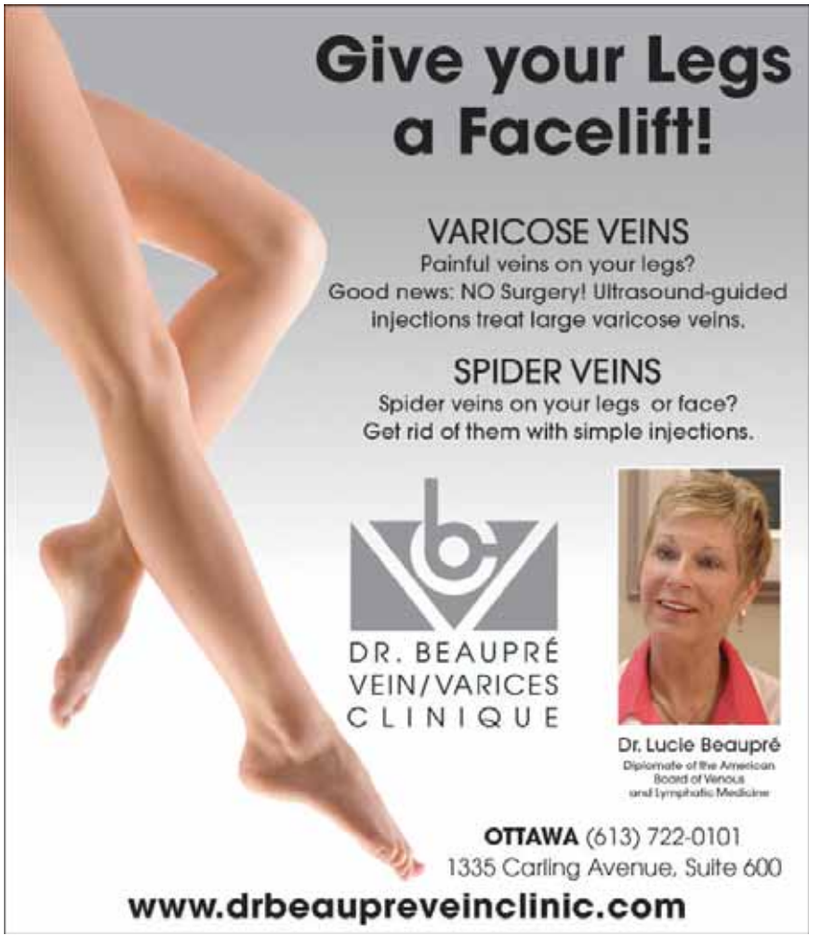
Copeland saw the show a few months ago with her boyfriend, knowing the offer of replacing Fairchild was on the table. "It's probably the best show I've ever seen, I think," she said. "I was just blown away."

The ballerina will play six performances during the eight-show week, including the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening shows, as well as the matinees on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Copeland has been named by Time magazine one of the most influential figures of 2015, and written both a children's book, Firebird, and a bestselling memoir, Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina. She's also performed in a music video with Prince and was featured in a hugely popular online ad for Under Armour sportswear.

The dancer also has appeared as a guest host on the Fox show So You Think You Can Dance and was a presenter at this year's Tony Awards. Copeland, 32, said she relishes bringing dance to an audience in any form she can.

"Whether it's Broadway or ballet, that's always been my goal: to just bring more people into it," she said. "Because I think it's so special and I think the arts can do so much for a person, not just a child. It's completely changed and altered my life in so many amazing ways." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Summer is a time for saving

SHUTTERSTOCK

Student debt remains a hot topic, with the average student leaving university owing $27,000, according to a 2013 BMO survey. The federal government announced in February that $300 million in unrecoverable student loans will be written off, making student debt a national problem.

For many, it's unavoidable, but counting your nickels during the summer can save you from carrying debt into your future.

Linda Mackay, senior vice-president of retail saving and investing at TD Canada Trust, remembers the challenges of budgeting and the temptation to apply for the numerous credit cards being offered on campus.

"The toughest term is typically the first year because you probably haven't made a budget, you have a rough sense of the costs, but surprises pop up," Mackay says.

Mackay recommends using websites like getsmarteraboutmoney.ca that helps you create a budget, which factors in tuition, books and living costs so students can have a clear picture of the money they will need to succeed during and after school.

Setting goals, checking that you are meeting those goals, as well as tracking your spending are essential for budgeting. Mackay recommends performing a financial reality check after each semester, but also in August before the school year begins.

She says students should take advantage of financial advisers on campus or at their local bank, even if talking about finances is daunting.

"For most of us, there is an element of pride and we want to make sure we know what we're talking about and some of the terms financial advisers use can be intimidating," Mackay says.

"Their goal is to make it better for you and help you out. That's probably where they get the most value for their job."

– Abby Wiseman

SHUTTERSTOCK

DENTAL FIELD IS REWARDING

Trillium College congratulates the latest intra-oral dental assisting Level 1 and 2 graduating class.

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Graduates of this program are eligible to write the NDAEB examination. Students learn a variety of dental-related skills, including dental office procedures, healing arts radiation protection (HARP), basic computer applications, ABELDent, bookkeeping, appointment scheduling, and intra-oral procedures.

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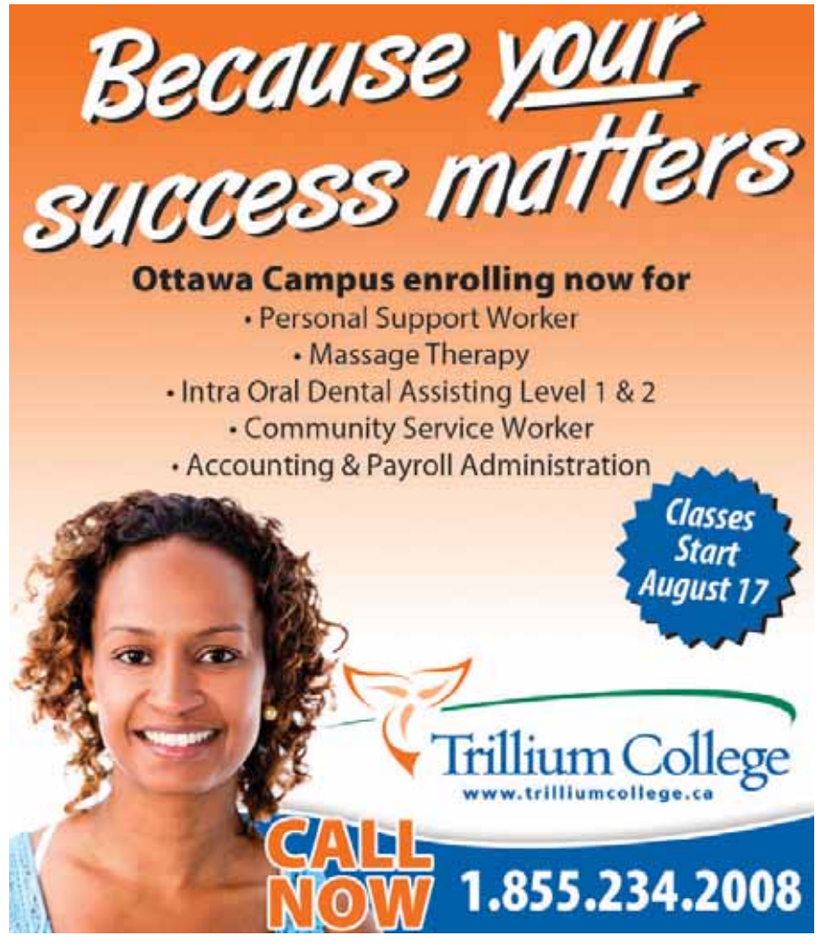

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Rory McIlroy's British Open title defence next week in doubt following a major ankle injury

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Pospisil empties the tank

WIMBLEDON

Vancouverite plays 6 hours Monday, moves on to quarters

After 10 sets of tennis and a pair of marathon rallies from two sets down, Vasek Pospisil is looking forward to a day off.

The Vancouver player was on the court for almost six hours Monday as he continued his impressive run at Wimbledon. Hours after coming back from two sets down to beat Viktor Troicki in the fourth round of the men's singles, Pospisil and doubles teammate Jack Sock staged another two-set comeback before ultimately falling to Australia's John Peers and Britain's Jamie Murray.

"It was a long day, for sure," Pospisil offered as an understatement to kick off his press conference after the doubles loss. "Pretty tired right now, but I have a day off tomorrow, so that's good."

He will need all the rest he can get, as his quarter-final opponent on Wednesday is No. 3 seed and 2013 Wimbledon champion Andy Murray. The Scotsman is bound to have a loud cheering section at the All England Club.

"Obviously I played a lot of tennis, but one day recovery is a lot," Pospisil said. "So I can sleep well tonight. Just have a full day of rest tomorrow. Do a lot of recovery ... then come out strong on Wednesday and take it to him."

Vasek Pospisil returns a shot to Viktor Troicki during their fourth-round singles match on Monday in London.
JUSTIN TALLIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The unseeded Canadian advanced to the men's quarter-finals after a 4-6, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 win over Troicki, the No. 22 seed from Serbia. The match took two hours 39 minutes, and that wasn't even his longest of the day.

"It was tough. I didn't have the start I wanted to have, and then ... I got unlucky a little bit in the (second set) tiebreaker there," Pospisil said. "I made a couple of good adjustments on my return games. And even being down two sets, it didn't faze me. I feel I'm pretty tough that way. Even if I'm down, I'm always finding ways to come back."

Murray has beaten Pospisil in hard-surface tournaments at Rotterdam and Indian Wells this season, but said he is expecting a tougher challenge from Pospisil on grass. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ADDITIONAL RESULTS

Serena bests sister Venus
Serena Williams extended her mastery over big sister Venus, and kept alive her bid for Grand Slam history.

In the 26th career meeting between the siblings, Serena dominated with her steady serve and big hitting from the back of the court to win 6-4, 6-3, extending her Grand Slam winning streak to 25 matches.

Also advancing to the quarter-finals was Roger Federer, who beat 20th-seeded Roberta Bautista Agut 6-2, 6-2, 6-3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Tourney's presence felt online, in ratings

The numbers show the Women's World Cup was embraced at home and around the globe.

TV records were set on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border.

Twitter says tweets about the soccer tournament were viewed nine billion times, with the U.S. dominating the conversation.

Sunday's final between the U.S. and Japan led the Twitter buzz with other U.S. games as well as tight knockout-round contests between Japan and England and Germany and France also drawing significant traffic.

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The number of Facebook interactions about the Women's World Cup

The top six tournament players on Twitter were all from the U.S. team: Julie Johnston, Carli Lloyd, Alex Morgan, Megan Rapinoe, Hope Solo and Abby Wambach.

TSN says Sunday's final, won 5-2 by the U.S., averaged 2.1 million viewers according to preliminary figures — making it the most-watched Women's World Cup final for a Canadian audience. Some 7.7 million viewers tuned in at some point, with the average audience peaking at 2.8 million for the final minute of the game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Megan Rapinoe, right, celebrates with the trophy alongside American teammate Meghan Klingenberg, left, on Sunday in Vancouver.
FRANCK FIFE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

SOCCER

Pirlo makes move to MLS with NYCFC

Italian playmaker Andrea Pirlo joined Major League Soccer club New York City FC from Juventus on Monday, little more than a month after winning a fifth consecutive Serie A title.

Pirlo spent four years at Juventus after joining from Serie A rival AC Milan, and helped it to the Champions League final this year. Juventus lost to Barcelona, missing out on a treble after winning the Italian Cup and the league title. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Andrea Pirlo
CLAUDIO VILLA/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Matthias signs with Leafs
The Toronto Maple Leafs signed centre Shawn Matthias to a one-year contract Monday.

The 27-year-old native of Mississauga, Ont., had 18 goals and nine assists in 78 games last season with the Vancouver Canucks.

Matthias was drafted by the Detroit Red Wings in the second round of the 2006 NHL Entry Draft.

He has 131 points (69-62) over 408 career regular-season games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Raptors reportedly lure Joseph home

Canadian guard Cory Joseph has agreed to a contract with the Toronto Raptors.

The Pickering, Ont., native agreed to a four-year contract worth $30 million US, according to multiple media reports.

Deals can't become official until Thursday, when the NBA's free-agency moratorium ends.

The 23-year-old, who was taken 29th overall in the 2011 NBA draft, spent his first four NBA seasons with the San Antonio Spurs, helping them win the leaguer title in 2014.

Joseph played in 79 games this past season with the Spurs, averaging 6.8 points, 2.4 rebounds and 2.4 assists. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"#WeTheNorth here I come!!!!!
A tweet by Cory Joseph, @Cory_Joe

RECIPE Pasta with Roasted Tomatoes and Asiago Cheese

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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The juiciness of the roasted tomatoes adds flavour without using excess oil. This recipe serves six.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 3/4 cup red cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 3/4 cup yellow cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 8 oz whole wheat penne
- 3/4 cup grated Asiago or Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup dried basil

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Spray a 9" baking dish with vegetable spray.
2. Add tomatoes, olive oil, garlic and salt and pepper. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake for 15 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, cook pasta in boiling water until still firm to the bite. Drain, place in serving bowl, and add tomato mixture with cheese and basil.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 250
- Carbohydrates 27g
- Fibre 5g
- Protein 13g
- Fat 9g
- Saturated Fat 3.5g
- Cholesterol 15mg
- Sodium 290mg

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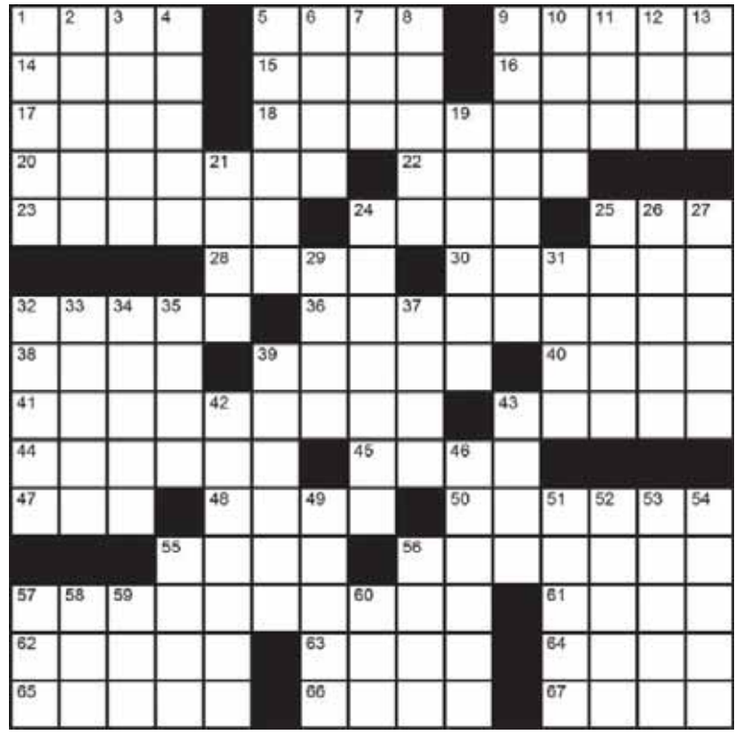
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. "Rio _" (1970) starring John Wayne
5. Scooby- and Ski-
9. Old Testament hymn
14. Thunderstruck
15. Carve in a name
16. Shakespearean tragedy, _ and Juliet
17. Look _ (Investigate)
18. School's formal meeting place
20. Investment goals
22. Cleave
23. Rehearsal: 2 wds.
24. First Nation of Manitoba
25. Palindromic honorific
28. Art for Jean Arp
30. Pilotless aircrafts
32. Receded, as tidewater
36. The famous 'waterspout' spider's size: 2 wds.
38. Carnivore's craving
39. Rocker David
40. Low-cal
41. Sailing: Twin-hulled boat
43. Valuable virtue
44. Father of Geometry of ancient Greece
45. Exited
47. Shakespearean suffix
48. Head's holder
50. Canuck coin
55. Wistful utterance
56. Young tree
57. Douglas Fir west of Pemberton, British Columbia, which at 1,000 years old, is amongst the oldest living trees in Canada: 2 wds.
61. The Kinks hit
62. Clunker
63. Scientist's solution holder
64. On the Serta, say
65. Castle bridges cross them
66. Uptight
67. Hobby shop items

DOWN
1. "Mission: Impossible" theme music composer Mr. Schifrin
2. '70s Spanish hit: "_ Tu"
3. "Thank You" songstress
4. Pretzels brand
5. Village in the Lower North Shore region of Quebec
6. Gradually diminish
7. Block' suffix
8. Rapper, _ Kim
9. Yalie
10. Pres. Obama's former title
11. Inuit craft
12. Accustom
13. Kitchen gadget
18. _-sized (Small)
22. "What _ _ to do?"
23. Gardening tool
24. _ leg (Pants part)
25. _-annonce (Movie trailer, in French)
26. Stair part
27. Univ. web address word, sometimes
28. Scholarly deg.
29. Luxe-living magazine, _ Report
30. "Not _ _ many words."
33. "Boy _ World" ('90s TV series)
34. Paddled
35. Restaurant chain, with Bell
36. All square
40. 'Lion' suffix
42. Opera singer Ms. Grist
43. Summer hrs. in Ottawa
44. Newfoundland: L'Anse aux Meadows historic people
45. U.S. tax bureau
48. Talent
49. Hankers
50. Had
51. Fidgety
52. "Yees!" opposite
55. Plant's beginning
56. Chooses
57. Dog training command
59. Assoc.
60. Buddy
61. Jeff Lynne's gr.
62. American airer since '71
63. French vineyard

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Loved ones may not have been supportive of late but don't worry about it — it does not mean they are turning against you. They have had so many worries of their own to contend with, that's all.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Life may be fun at the moment but you still need to tighten your belt and not waste money on things you don't really need. You may be expecting to come into some cash but don't spend it before it's arrived.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Try not to take anything too seriously today. With so many changes taking place in your world you need to make a conscious effort to stay calm and be flexible in your approach to life's little problems.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Mars in your sign gives you loads of energy, so if there is anything that needs doing get on it. When dealing with difficult people remember that some respond best to reason and some respond best to pressure

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't push yourself too hard today, even if you are behind in your workload. You will catch up with ease later in the month, so there is no need to worry.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your emotions are so powerful at the moment that every little thing seems like life and death, but a few days from now you will get a new and more positive perspective on life, so give yourself time and stop being such a diva.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a busy week for those born under the sign of the Scales, so pace yourself and be selective in your goals. If you throw yourself at every new challenge that comes your way your energy will soon disappear.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will soon get the chance to move up in the world but first you need to convince yourself that you are worthy of success. Believe in yourself and the world will too.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to get your feelings off your chest and let certain people know that you don't care in the slightest what they say or do or think about you. That might sound a bit extreme but it's the only approach they understand.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may have to endure one or two setbacks today but don't let them unsettle you. Above all, don't lose your temper with people whose support you are going to need.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
One-to-one relationships, both at home and at work, are going very well for you now and if you are smart you will make the most of it. In all situations you will know just what to say or do.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may need to shut yourself away from all possible distractions for a few hours today, especially if you want to finish a task that has been dragging. With Mars in your favour you can and you must get it done.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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Lot 123A, 2-115 Bluestone Private
Orléans – 1,095 sq. ft.

~~$216,100~~
$211,100
(UPGRADES INCLUDED)

- $5,000 Off Base Price (as shown)
- 3 stainless steel kitchen appliances
- Upgraded countertops and kitchen backsplash
- And more

MOVE IN
AUGUST 2015

ARCADIA KANATA

Hyde B

Lot 97, 422 Country Glen Way
Kanata – 1,692 sq. ft.

$367,100
(UPGRADES INCLUDED)

- $7,500 Design Centre Bonus
- 4 potlights in great room
- Optional gas fireplace in great room
- Optional shower in lieu of tub

MOVE IN
OCTOBER 2015

CHAPMAN-MILLS

Kinghurst B

Lot 36, 3505 Woodroffe Avenue
Barrhaven – 1,787 sq. ft.

$377,900
(UPGRADES INCLUDED)

- Look-out basement
- $10,000 Design Centre Bonus
  OR $5,000 Design Centre Bonus
  PLUS hardwood on main floor
  PLUS granite countertop in kitchen
- And more

MOVE IN
DECEMBER 2015

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